

MINUTES
TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING ~ DECEMBER 18, 2021

Moderator Steven John called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M. and read out the warning:

The legal voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet outdoors in front of the Town House at 13 Town Hill Road of said Marlboro on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator.

Steven John nominated by Marcia Hamilton, seconded by Clarence Boston.

Jonathan Morse asked that the Clerk cast a single ballot, seconded by Clarence Boston.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Steven John elected as Moderator for this meeting.

Also present are Select Board members Julia von Ranson & Aaron Betts; Justices of the Peace Linda T. Peters, Marcia Hamilton, and David Holzapfel; Constable Clarence Boston.

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Town of Marlboro School District adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(c) in place of an in-person floor vote, due to the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

So moved by Dan MacArthur and seconded by Jonathan Morse.

Discussion: None

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 32 voters were present.

The Town of Marlboro School District will adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(c) in place of an in-person floor vote, due to the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Article 3: Shall the Town of Marlboro School District vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d) in place of an in-person floor vote, due to the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

So moved by Gail MacArthur and seconded by Brent Seabrook.

Discussion:

- Sophie Dennis spoke to the article and stated that she worries that if we change voting methodology, we will never go back to a floor vote.
- Lister and Assistant Town Clerk Evan Wyse pointed out that this is being done to protect the health of voters not to destroy a tradition, and that a similar vote in the future could reverse this action.

- No further discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 32 voters were present.

The Town of Marlboro School District will vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d) in place of an in-person floor vote, due to the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

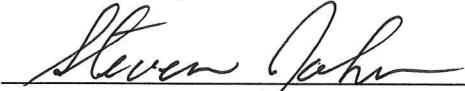
Article 4. To discuss any other non-binding business.

➤ Moved to adjourn by Clarence Boston, seconded by Patrick Moreland at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk



Steven John, Moderator



Linda T. Peters, Treasurer & Justice of the Peace